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Advisory Action

Application No. 08/877,155

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sharon Finkel

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T	HE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE: [check only a) or b)]						
	a) X expiresthree months from the mailing date of the final rejection.						
	b) expires either three months from the mailing date of the final rejection, or on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for the response expire later than six months from the date of the final rejection.						
	Any extension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee. The date on which the response, the petition, and the fee have been filed is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be calculated from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as set forth in b) above.						
	Appellant's Brief is due two months from the date of the Notice of Appeal filed on period for response set forth above, whichever is later). See 37 CFR 1.191(d) and 37 CFR 1.192(a).						
Ap bu	oplicant's response to the final rejection, filed on <u>Apr 22, 1999</u> has been considered with the following effect, It is NOT deemed to place the application in condition for allowance:						
X	The proposed amendment(s):						
	will be entered upon filing of a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief.						
	will not be entered because:						
	Ithey raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See note below).						
	they raise the issue of new matter. (See note below).						
•	they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.						
	🛮 they present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.						
	NOTE: Applicant now claims that the anchor "helps" prevent the sheet from being dislodged from the body surface,						
	which is a new issue for further consideration. This is different from the language set forth in the objected						
	<u>claims.</u>						
	Applicant's response has overcome the following rejection(s):						
	Newly proposed or amended claims would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims.						
	The affidavit, exhibit or request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:						
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	The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.						
X	or purposes of Appeal, the status of the claims is as follows (see attached written explanation, if any):						
	Claims allowed:						
	Claims objected to: 53, 54, 56, 58, 75, 77, and 79						
	Claims rejected: 6, 7, 30, 31, 55, 57, 59-74, 76, 78, and 80-91						
	The proposed drawing correction filed on hashas not been approved by the Examiner.						
	Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s).						
X	Other As per the telephone interview on April 15, 1999, the rejection of claim 56 is						
	withdrawn. Claim 56 is objected.						
	PRIMARY EXAMINED						
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